

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. – 19. (Canceled)

20. (Withdrawn) A server apparatus comprising:

a generating unit for synthesizing picture information and related information allowing the picture information and related information to be handled as one unit,

wherein the picture information comprises image data,

wherein the related information comprises time limit information, updating condition information and information for executing a plurality of operations in accordance with the time limit information in response to a related command,

wherein the predetermined operation is processed as a single unit in response to a related operation command,

wherein the predetermined operation is one or more instructions, and

wherein each of the one or more instructions is processed as a function of the related information, and

wherein each of a plurality of operations comprise a specific predetermined operation and instructions;

a providing unit for processing the image data and related information;

a management unit for managing the operation information; and
an updating permission/negation unit for determining permission/negation of updating of the related information in accordance with the updating condition information.

21. (Currently Amended) A client apparatus comprising:

an acquisition unit to receive an information picture from an information picture providing server, the information picture including a picture image, related information, and time limit information as a single handling unit,

wherein a predetermined operation is processed as a single unit in response to a related operation command, the predetermined operation being one or more instructions, and corresponds with a respective related information, and

wherein each of a plurality of operations comprise a specific predetermined operation and instructions;

a recording unit to store the single handling unit in a first memory;

a user interface for displaying the picture image and allowing a user to select the picture information which stores the single handling unit in a second memory;

a display control unit to control display, in response to selection of the picture image, at least one related information;

a processor to execute processing of first corresponding predetermined operation based on the at least one related information, and in the case where there exist plural related

information, executing processing second corresponding predetermined operation based on a selected one of the related information;

a notifying unit for notifying a server that a client received and stored the single handling unit of information picture and related information; and

a history recording unit for recording history of recording of the information picture;

an updating permission/negation unit for determining permission/negation of updating of the related information in accordance with updating condition information, the updating condition information includes the history recorded in the history recording unit,

wherein the information picture is a plurality of related information represented by a single picture image and the related information is links to an information provider such that selection of the single picture image cyclically guides a user through plurality of related information.

22. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable medium for storing a program for allowing a computer to execute a data processing method, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving an information picture from an information picture providing server, the information picture including a picture image, related information, and time limit information as a single handling unit,

wherein a predetermined operation is processed as a single unit in response to a related operation command, the predetermined operation being one or more instructions, and corresponds with a respective related information, and

wherein each of a plurality of operations comprise a specific predetermined operation and instructions;

storing the single handling unit in a first memory;

displaying the picture image;

receiving input from the user selecting the picture image;

controlling the display, in response to selection of the picture image, of at least one related information;

executing processing of first corresponding predetermined operation based on the at least one related information, and in the case where there exist plural related information, executing processing second corresponding predetermined operation based on a selected one of the related information;

storing the single handling unit in a second memory in response to the input from a user selecting the picture information;

notifying a server that a client received and stored the single handling unit of information picture and related information;

recording history of recording of the information picture;

updating relating information in accordance with updating condition information; and

determining permission/negation of the updating step in accordance with the updating condition information, the updating condition information including the recorded history of the information picture,

wherein the information picture is a plurality of related information represented by a single picture image and the related information is links to an information provider such that selection of the single picture image cyclically guides a user through plurality of related information.